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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

Now that the firehouse has been razed, are we still making fire and medical runs? This is a question I hear often now that construction on the Municipal Building has started. The answer is yes! Our equipment and personnel are housed in the public works building on South Loop Road next to St. Elizabeth Hospital. From 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. our paid staff is on duty and our volunteers work hard to keep everything going from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., 7 days a week. The new Municipal Building is scheduled to be complete by October 2005.

August 1st was the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Edgewood Senior Center at Freedom Park. During the Taste of Edgewood, which will be held at Freedom Park this year, we are planning to have an open house at the senior center for everyone who would like to take a tour and meet our staff. Mark your calendars. I hope to see you there.



This year's Family Campout went very well. It was a great night for a campfire, nice and cool. The coffee, juice, milk and donuts were also a hit the next morning. Thanks to everyone who participated.

You know the seasons are beginning to change and school is just about to start when you go into a department store and find the grills and outdoor supplies replaced with school notebooks and pencils. We wish all students the best in the coming year.

Turkeyfoot Road Construction is still on schedule to be completed in 2005 with the intersection of Dudley and Turkeyfoot Roads to be widened within the next couple of months depending upon the weather. This should ease congestion at that intersection.

Getsportsinfo.com and the Make A Wish Foundation are holding a Wiffle Ball Tournament at Presidents and Freedom Parks on September 18th. It will be a lot of fun for everyone and will benefit a good cause. Kim has more details in her column and on the enclosed flyer. Get your team together for a great day of fun!

I'd like to welcome all new residents to Edgewood and to thank you for choosing Edgewood to be your home. We have a great community. Thank you for your support. See you at one or more of our events.

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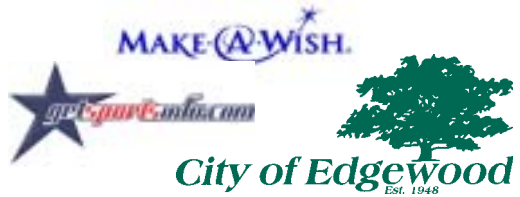
RECREATION RAP

by Recreation Director
Kim Wolking

NFL PUNT, PASS AND KICK

The Recreation Department will once again be hosting a local level competition of the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Program on Sunday, September 12th at 2:00 p.m. in Freedom Park. This program is a free competition for boys and girls ages 8-15 years old. **All participants must show proof of birth date and have a parental waiver signed. All participants must wear gym shoes.** No cleats or bare feet are allowed. Pre-registrations will be accepted at the City Building during normal business hours and at Freedom Park from 1:30 – 2:00 p.m. the day of competition. The top boy and girl in each age bracket from the local competition will advance to the state finals and may qualify to compete at a Bengals game.

MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Join Lance McAlister and our guest of honor, his son Casey as we set out to grant five wishes to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Come play or to cheer on the players and enjoy a great day. There will be food, drinks, a silent auction and a celebrity home run derby. Men's and coed teams will compete in their quest to be crowned the best Wiffle Ball players in the Queen City. Our goal is to grant five wishes for children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 18th, 2004, 8:30 am -? All games will be played at both Freedom and Presidents Parks. For more information please visit www.getsportsinfo.com or contact Greg Shoemaker, GetSports Enterprises, 859.392.3148, shoe@getsportsinfo.com

“TASTE OF EDGEWOOD”

The 12th Annual “Taste of Edgewood” is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th, from 12:00-7:00 p.m. at **FREEDOM PARK**. Both days promise to be action packed, with lots of entertainment, amusement rides, arts and crafts, food, a senior center open house and a corn hole tournament. Come hungry and sample a variety of food including, J & J's Barbecue, funnel cakes, Hawaiian ice, cheese-cake, cookies, Hawaiian pork, appetizers, chicken burritos, chicken wings, California wraps, corn dogs and many other treats.

Don't miss the 2nd Annual Apple Pie Baking Contest on Sunday, September 26th, at 2:00 p.m. Call Amy Quinn at First Security Trust Bank to sign up at 331-0000. Deadline is September 23rd. The contest is limited to 25 bakers.

Please see the enclosed flyers for a complete

listing of events and registration information.

We still have booth space available for vendors. If you are interested in booth space or would like further information about any of the scheduled events please contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

“SPOOKY SUNDAY”

The Annual “Spooky Sunday” celebration will be Sunday, October 24th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Presidents Park. The event is for children 12 and under. Activities will include a costume parade, a costume contest, the haunted forest and plenty of treats for everyone. Many volunteers are needed for this event, if you would like to volunteer or have a child who needs to complete community service hours, this would be a great opportunity. Please see the enclosed flyer for further information.

“TURKEY BOWL” TOURNAMENTS

The Annual “Turkey Bowl” Flag Football Tournament will be at Freedom Park on Saturday, November 13th and Saturday, November 20th. The tournament is open to both coed and mens teams. Championship games will be played Thanksgiving morning. We will use a one and out format. Games will begin at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Entry fee is \$50. Registration forms are available at the City Building. Deadline to register is November 5th.

TENNIS ANYONE?

We would like to organize a “Tennis Ladder” to promote tennis in our local communities – Edgewood and possibly Lakeside Park and Fort Mitchell. It is a great way to improve your tennis game and get to know other tennis players. A “ladder” is a list of tennis players, which, over time, sorts itself in order of tennis ability. A player moves up the ladder by successfully challenging players above, i.e., by winning a match. Initially, the ladder will be open to all adults in the community, 18 and over, regardless of ability. You must know the basic rules of tennis and how to keep score. Players must provide an email address and (optionally) a phone number. If you would like to join – It's free! – contact Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

2004-2005 REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Real estate property tax bills will be mailed the first week in October. By ordinance, they are due and payable in full on April 1, 2005, but the City allows a grace period until April 29th and you have the option of paying by the following dates and taking advantage of the applicable discount:

November 30, 2004	1.25% Discount
January 31, 2005	0.75% Discount
January 31 through April 29, 2005	-0- % Discount

Bills paid after April 29, 2005 will have a ten percent (10%) penalty added and the bill will accrue interest at the rate of 12%. You may pay your taxes with MasterCard or Visa.

All bills will be mailed to the property owner. If you have an escrow account, **please forward the bill to your mortgage company immediately.** If you have not received a bill by October 22, 2004, call the City Building and request a copy. **Please be advised that failure to receive a bill does not excuse you from penalty and interest charges.**

If you have purchased property within the last year, the bill may still be in the name of the previous owner. If the Post Office is unable to deliver a bill, and, if it is returned to us, we will make every effort to get it in the hands of the current owner.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

by Police Chief Tony Kramer

Those of us who have pets know the joy they can bring and know how quickly they become cherished members of the family. Along with the happiness that your pet can bring comes a great deal of responsibility. Lately we have been receiving quite a few complaints about pet owners who have not been fulfilling those responsibilities. The city has a number of ordinances that address the restrictions on owners of pets, especially dogs. As many of you know, there is a requirement that all dogs be restrained either by a leash or by a fence or other enclosure. A lesser-known ordinance prohibits owners from allowing their pets to defecate on someone else's property and requires owners to immediately clean up after their pet. Dog owners are also obligated to prevent their pet from barking or making noise that “unreasonably interferes with the occupation, use, and enjoyment of any other lot or parcel of real estate in the city.”

Most people are conscious of the leash law and keep their pet on a leash when walking it. However, some residents have complained that their neighbors are less conscientious about keeping their dog on a leash when it is let out to do its “business.” It seems these people simply open the door and let the dog outside. The animal is then free to relieve itself wherever it wants, oftentimes in someone else's yard. This practice violates two ordinances and is, quite frankly, very disrespectful of the rights of others. Other residents have complained that people walking their dog have allowed it to relieve itself in their yard without cleaning it up. Few people (if any) like cleaning up after someone else's pet, and a homeowner should not have to. It is the duty of the pet owner to do it, and it only takes a minute of your time.

Probably the most common animal complaint we get is about barking dogs. It's a fact that most dogs bark; it's simply in their nature. The majority of people will accept a certain amount of barking from a neighbor's dog, unless it is early in the morning, late at night, or continues for a long period of time. Please be conscious of your dog's barking and consider the annoyance or inconvenience it may be causing to others.

Remember that owning a pet is a right we enjoy. But one person's rights end where the next person's begin. Others have a right to a yard that is free of animal waste, the right to walk without being approached by an unrestrained dog, and the right to enjoy their home without listening to excessive barking. Responsible pet owners recognize that the enjoyment of their rights should not prevent the next person from enjoying theirs.

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FIREMAN JOE SAYS:

by Public Education Officer
Joe Stambush

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the most effective early warning devices available. Because fire can grow and spread so quickly, having working smoke alarms in the home can mean the difference between life and death. But these life-saving devices are only effective when they're working properly. Smoke alarms with batteries that are dead, disconnected, or missing can't alert people to the dangers of smoke and fire. It is important that we also know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds, that is why we encourage a home fire escape plan. Sit down with your family, go over every room in the house, develop two ways out of every room and practice your plan. Once outside never go back inside for any reason, call 911 from a neighbor's house and make sure everyone in the family goes to the safe meeting place designated by the family plan. Smoke alarms and help with your escape plan are available by contacting Fireman Joe at 341-2628 or send me an e-mail at stambushj@aol.com.

We are all excited about the construction of our new Municipal Building, which should be ready by next year. Many have asked us what about the annual Open House? Where have the Fire Trucks gone? How about Fireman Joe? This year, we are planning to have displays, demonstrations and helpful handouts at the Taste of Edgewood, which will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 25th and 26th at Freedom Park. We are excited about spending the weekend meeting all our friends and enjoying the great food, fellowship and fun that the weekend will bring to our City. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Taste of Edgewood, oh by the way, we have not moved nor have we gone away, we are working out of and sharing the facilities with our friends from Public Works off South Loop Road, just behind St Elizabeth Medical Center. Fireman Joe wants everyone to remember we are still available for school, day care or community celebrations upon request. Once again our number has not changed, 341-2628 and always feel free to send an e-mail to stambushj@aol.com. BE SAFE!

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